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ISSUE OF CERTIFICATES FOR GENUINENESS OF CURRENCY NOTES
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Dewas mint in Madhya Pradesh has refused to issue certificatesregarding genuineness of Indian currency which has led to a peculiar situation as legal action cannot be initiated without such a certificate, and;

(b) if so, the remedial action proposed by the Government in this regard ?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL
(a): As per Section 292(1) of the Criminal Procedure Code, only officers of the mintor of India Security Press are notified as experts for examination of currencies. Therefore, a certificate on examination of fake currency notes, issued by officers of Bank Note Press, Dewas in Madhya Pradesh is not legally valid. Hence such certificates are not issued by Bank Note Press, Dewas.
(b): Government has already initiated action for suitably amending the provision of Criminal Procedure Code so that the certificates issued by officers of BNP regarding genuineness of Indian currency are accepted by Courts of Law in the country.